

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
AMBLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1947, in accordance with the provisions of the Ministry of Health Circulars.

General Statistics.

Area: 1220 acres of land and inland water.

Number of inhabited houses: (1944) 1312.

Rateable value: £19,471.

Sum represented by 1d rate: £75.

Births.

		Total	Male	Female
Live births.	Legitimate.	75	42	33
	Illegitimate.	8	4	4
		<u>83</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>37</u>
Still births.	Legitimate.	1	1	-
	Illegitimate.	-	-	-
		(Rate per 1,000 live births, 20.75).		

Deaths.

The number of deaths in the Urban District after allowing for transferable deaths was 48.

Deaths occurred throughout the year as follows:-

	Transferable		Transferable		
January	-	3	July	3	-
February	6	-	August	1	1
March	4	2	September	2	-
April	3	1	October	1	2
May	5	2	November	3	2
June	5	-	December	2	-

The ages at death were as follows:-

Stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	1
Under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	2
1 and under 2 years	..	..	..	..	..	-
2 " " 5 "	..	..	..	..	..	-
5 " " 15 "	..	..	..	..	..	-
15 " " 25 "	..	..	..	..	..	-
25 " " 45 "	..	..	..	..	..	3
45 " " 65 "	..	..	..	..	..	8
65 years and upwards	..	..	..	..	..	22

Infant Mortality (under 1 year).

There are 2 deaths both males, of infants under one year, with a death rate of 24.00 per 1,000 live births.

The ages and causes of death were:-

- (1) 2 months: congenital Inhalation)
- (2) 2 months: of vomit.)

Notifiable Diseases during the year.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet fever.	1	-	-
Diphtheria.	2	2	-
Whooping cough.	14	-	-
Erysipelas.	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum.	-	-	-
Chicken pox.	35	-	-
Measles.	5	-	-

Tuberculosis.

During this year six new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis have been notified and there have been two deaths.

New cases and Mortality according to age:-

	<u>New cases.</u>		<u>Deaths.</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Up to 5 years.	-	-	1	-
5 to 15 years.	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 years.	2	1	1	-
25 - 35 years.	1	1	-	-
35 - 45 years.	-	-	-	-
45 years and upwards.	-	1	1	-

Smallpox.

No vaccinations were performed by the Medical Officer of Health under the Public Health (Smallpox Prevention) Regulations 1917.

Veneral Diseases.

So far as can be ascertained, venereal disease is rare in this area; no cases have been reported during the year.

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic.

This clinic is under the auspices of the County Health Authorities. There is one health Visitor, and also one District Nurse, who attends all maternity cases.

1. Amount of Shipping Entering
the Port during the year.

TABLE "A".

	Ton-	No. nage	No.Inspec-		No.	No. of	No. of vessels	No. of vessels
			ted	By		reported	on which	reported as
	M. O.	San.	By	In.	defective	defects	defects	having, or
Steamers								
FOREIGN	16	2400	-	16	-	-	-	-
(Sailing								
Fishing								
Total Foreign	16	2400	-	16	-	-	-	-
COASTWISE:								
Steamers	213	50494	-	100	1	1	-	-
Total Coastwise								
and Foreign.	229	52894	-	116	1	1	-	-

II. Character of Trade of Port.

There was no passenger traffic. The trade of the port is the export of coal.

Medical Inspection of Aliens.

No Aliens landed during the year.

III. Water Supply.

The Council as the water undertakers, supply both the port and shipping. The water is sold to the Harbour Commissioners who are responsible for supplying the ships. Supply is carried out by means of hydrants and hosepipes. The hosepipes are kept in the stores belonging to the Harbour Commissioners and flushed before being used. There are no water boats.

IV. Port Health Regulations, 1933 & 1945.

The Harbour Master deals with declarations of health, which are received and dealt with in the Council Offices.

Should any infectious disease exist on board, the ship is moored to the west jetty and quarantined until the appropriate steps are taken.

Hospital Accommodation.

Hospital accommodation for Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Smallpox and other infectious diseases is available by arrangement with the Joint Hospital Board, and supervision of contacts is undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector.

The Council own a Mortuary which would be utilised in making arrangements for the interment of the dead.

TABLE "C".

No case of infectious disease was landed from any vessel during the year.

TABLE "D".

No cases of infectious diseases were reported as having occurred on vessels during the voyage, nor was any case of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Small pox or Typhus notified.

V. Measures against Rodents.

All vessels inspected shewed no signs of rodent infestation.

The quays, wharves and buildings in the vicinity of the Port were successfully treated from time to time under the Rats & Mice Destruction Acts and Orders.

Wire hawsers are generally used for the mooring of vessels; where manilla ropes are used, rat guards are utilised.

Rat Proofing.

The buildings attached to the Port are principally comprised of coal staithes and small engineering stores, the latter being rat proof.

TABLE "E".

(1) Rats Destroyed during the Year.

No rats were officially destroyed on vessels in the Port during the year. The trade is principally coastwise with London, and it is found that de-ratination is carried out in that Port with the equipment at the disposal of that Authority.

TABLE "F".

(2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

Inspections were carried out during the year under the Rats and Mice Destruction Acts and Orders, in accordance with the system recommended by the Rodent Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Where it is impossible to estimate the exact number of rats that were killed, it may be taken as being in the region of 20. This small number is attributed to the successful treatment of the Council's sewers, and to other premises in the vicinity of the docks.

TABLE "G".

At the presence of rats being established on any of the vessels using the Port, the only methods available to the Department would have been trapping, or poisoning.

V1. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces.

TABLE "J".

During the year, one nuisance which arose from the lack of soap for the use of the crew, was successfully dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector, and at the same time, he was instrumental in having improvements brought about in the food storage accommodation in this particular vessel.

VII. Food Inspection.

Shell Fish.

During the year, an Order was made under the Public Health (Shell Fish) Regulations 1944, prohibiting the sale of winkles taken from the Pan Rocks near the mouth of the Harbour. No other steps were taken in connection with food inspection, on vessels using the port.

Health of the Township.

The general health of the township for the year under review is considered satisfactory, especially in view of these difficult times. The health services and water supplies of the township have been well maintained.

I take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for the consideration you have shewn me whilst I have acted as your Medical Officer of Health.

P. EMMERSON,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR
for the year 1947.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the various services administered by the Health Department of the Urban District, in accordance with Circulars of the Ministry of Health.

Public Cleansing.

The collection of house refuse and trade refuse has been carried out in a systematic regular manner throughout the year.

Salvage.

The salvage of waste materials continued during the year.

Disposal of Refuse.

All refuse is tipped on controlled lines, as in former years, and in view of the salvage of waste materials, the refuse is now largely ash.

Street Cleansing.

The work of street cleansing has been maintained during the year, and all street gullies are periodically cleansed.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

The number of registered persons in the district is as follows:-

Wholesale purveyors of milk ..	6
Retail purveyors of milk ..	2
Cowkeepers and dairymen ..	7

Premises licensed for storage and sale of T.T.Milk .. 1.
Premises licensed for storage and sale of Pasteurised Milk .. 1.

Dairies and cowsheds were kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and extensive alterations and improvements were affected to one of the largest farms in the district.

Factories Act, 1937.

The factories were kept in a cleanly condition, and notices issued in respect of defective sanitary accommodation received immediate attention.

Water Supply.

The supply was constant, and ample supplies were available for both domestic and industrial purposes during the year.

Disinfection.

Ten premises were disinfected during the year, and a number of books at the request of the library authorities.

Privy Conversions.

During the year, fifteen conversions to water carriage were carried out.

Nuisances and defects under Public Health Act & Housing Acts.

Defective doors - 8.
Choked drains cleansed - 36.
defective sewers - 1.
Choked W.C.'s - 2.
Defective water pipes repaired - 16.
 " scullery repaired - 2.
 " cooking ranges repaired - 6.
 " sink-waste pipes repaired - 31.
Repairs to water supply - 15.
 " to roof - 10.
 " to eaves spout - 24.
Dustbins provided - 6.
Renewal of or repairs to W.C. Cisterns - 3.
 " of taps - 27.
Repairs to ceilings.-0.
Dangerous walls - 0.

Housing.

During the year, work progressed on 40 houses and the initial steps towards the formation of the Council's Links Estate for 500 houses were undertaken.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

H. S. ROBSON,

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor.

